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Diary of Capt. John Davis, of the Pennsylvania Line.

This Diary, showing the march, position, &c., of Wayne's Brigade, every day from May 26, 1781, when the command left York, Pennsylvania, till January 11, 1782, when it was at Jacksonborough, South Carolina, was copied literally, as far as possible, by me, from the original which belongs to Mrs. A. H. Fultz, of Staunton, Va., a granddaughter of Capt. Davis.

Capt. Davis was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania. At the beginning of the Revolution, he raised a company and served to the end of the war. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point and Yorktown, and was with Wayne in South Carolina and Georgia. He spent the winter of 1777-8, at Valley Forge. After the war he married Ann Morton, daughter of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. In April, 1800 he was appointed Brigadier-General of Pennsylvania militia, and thereafter was known as General Davis; and in 1803, was commissioned an Associate Judge of Chester county. He died July 10, 1827, in the 74th year of his age. The inscription on his tombstone states that he was long a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian church and a man of unfeigned piety.

It must be remembered that the Diary was written hurriedly in the field or bivouac and necessarily abounds in verbal errors. It seems to have been revised afterwards by Capt. Davis, and I have before me his revised account of the battle of Green Springs, as follows :

"July 6.—Marched at 5 o'clock, A. M., for Jamestown, where the enemy at this time lay in force. When the army had advanced within 5 miles of this town, the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion was detached with a number of riflemen, to Green Springs, which brought on a scattering fire that continued for three hours, when a body of Light Infantry came with the other two Battalions of Pennsylvania troops. The line was displayed, and we advanced; by this time the enemy was meeting us, when a general action ensued. At the distance of one hundred yards, we charged on their main body under a heavy and incessant fire of grape and cannister shot; at this instant we opened our musketry. Their right flanking our left, a retreat was found necessary; with the loss of two pieces of artillery—we retired to a church where we lay this night."

JOS. A. WADDELL.

STAUNTON, VA., *January, 1893.*

York Town [York, Pa.], 26 May, 1781.

Marched from York Town, 9 o'clock morning, under Gen. Wayne, & encamped 11 miles on the road to Frederick Town.

27th. General Beat, at Sun rise, troops took up the line of March & halted near Peter Lytles town, being 14 miles.

May 28. Troops took up the line of March at sun rise, passed through Tawney Town & halted near Pipe Creek, about 14 miles.

29. Troops took up the line of march at 3 o'clock, & encamped on the S. W. Side Manochory, 15 miles.

30. This day continued on the ground. Soldiers washed their cloathes, cleaned their arms & were Reviewed at 7 o'clock in the evening by G. Wayne.

May 31. Took up the line of march at sun rise, passed through Frederick Town, Maryland, & and reached Powtomack, which, in crossing in Squows, one unfortunately sunk, loaded with artillery & Q. M. stores & men, in which our Sergeant & three men were drowned; encamped on the S. W. side of the river. Night being very wet, our baggage not crossed, Officers of the Reg. took Quarters in Col. Clapam's Negro Quarter, where we agreeably passed the night.

June 1st. Continued on our ground till four o'clock in the afternoon, when we mov'd five miles on the way to Leesburg.

June 2nd. Very wet day * * & continued till evening.

3rd. [Loudoun Co.] Took up the line of march at 10 o'clock, passed through Leesburg—the appearance of which I was much disappointed in; encamped at goose creek, 15 miles.

4th. [Prince Wm. Co.] Marched from goose creek at six o'clock, at which place left our baggage & sick, and proceeded through low country. Roads bad in consequence of the rains; encamped at the Red house, 18 miles.

5th. A wet morning, cleared off at 10 o'clock; Marched at 1 o'clock; proceeded 12 miles on the road to Rappahanock; lay out without any kind of shelter.

6th. [Fauquier Co.] Marched at 6 o'clock, 9 miles on the road.

7th. This day continued on our ground, consequence of a heavy rain preceeding night.

June 8th. Took up the line of march at sun rise; Reached the North Branch Rappahanock at 10 o'clock.

Troops waded the river & proceeded nine miles into this county [Culpepper Co.]

9th. Took up the line of march at six o'clock; crossed the South Branch Rappahanock and proceeded Five miles into this county [Orange Co.]; country poor, & buildings very small.

10th. Marched at 5 o'clock; a thin poor country. Joined the Marquis's this day; made a march of 23 miles; pass'd a body of militia, 1800 men.

11 June. Marched at 4 o'clock; encamped at 10 o'clock, 10 miles.

12th. [Louisa Co.] Marched at 6 o'clock through woods & pines, at length got to the main road leading to Fredericksburg, proceeded 5 miles on it & encamped.

13th. Troops continued in their encampment this day.

14th. Marched, at 5 o'clock, 10 miles through so poor a country it did not produce one drop of water; at the place we left all our Tents.

15th June. [Hanover Co.] Took up the line of march at sun rise; this day was attended with much fatigue for want of water, refreshed in an orchard with the Col., when the Marquis took part with us.

16th. Took up the line of march at day Break, proceeded six miles, when we washed & rested ourselves the day; at this

place we built an agreeable Bush house & walk'd out in the afternoon, in comp'y with Mr. White, to see a pennsyl(vania) family who I hapened to know, A Mr. Parker.

17th. Marched at 3 o'clock through the best country we had seen in the State, 20 miles, to Mr. Dandridge's.

18th. A sweet morning. I mounted guard. This day the enemy advanced on us. Our Camp struck at sunset. All the continental troops marched in order to surprise a party of horse. We continued till day. But on our arrival where they were, they had gone some hours.

19th. [Henrico Co.] Lay on our arms till 10 o'clock. Then retired 4 miles in the country, where we lay down contented, destitute of any refreshment, Bedding or covering.

20th. Marched, at six o'clock, 3 miles, reviewed by the Gen. at 3 o'clock; lay on our arms all night.

21st. At Col. Simms Mill. Marched, at 12 o'clock A. M., 8 miles, and lay at Bunells ordinary, destitute of every necessary, both of life and convenience. This day Capt. Wilson and myself dined with Col. Stuart.

22nd June. [New Kent Co.] Marched, at 2 o'clock, through a well-inhabited cuntry, though I can give no account of the people, as I have not been in a house for some days, though they look well on the road where they generally paraded to see us. This day passed through Richmond in 24 hours after the enemy evacuated it—it appears a scene of much distress. I see Jas. Humphrey as we march'd, though, on our arrival at Camp, I returned, when I found Mr. — (word illegible) very kind; had the pleasure of drinking tea with a Mrs. Parke, a Lady of Penn'a.

23rd. Marched at 2 o'clock, halted at 8 for refreshment, when we had an alarm. Reports from our lite horse the enemy within 1 mile of us. The army formed for action. A universal Joy prevailed that certain success was before; we lay on our arms 10 hours; Hourly receiving accounts of their advance. But to our great mortification turned out a false alarm. At 6 we moved our position for convenience of encampment & got very wet this night with a rain; came on at 12 o'clock.

24, Sunday. [James City Co.] A fine morning. We lay on this ground all day enjoying ourselves & cooking. This day

one of our soldiers taken deserting to the enemy; 4 o'clock he was tried, and executed in the evening. Marched at dark in order to surprise Tarleton, 12 miles; he got wind of our approach and retired.

25. Lay by this day. At dark took up the line of march in order to overtake Simcoe, who had plundered a quantity of cattle.

26th. At six o'clock in the morning we overtook a covering party, who retreated before us. We mounted a party of Infantry behind lite horse, who overtook their rear. We had a small skirmish, horse & foot, in which we took same lite horse and cattle & kill'd 30 on the spot with inconsiderable loss.*

27th. This day we lay at Bird's Ornary. I mounted guard; a wet night.

28. Clear morning; made some movements for advantage of Ground.

29. Maneuve'd considerably in this country in consequence of Bad information.

30. Extremely Fatigued; lay by greater part of this day; our tents brought to us in the evening.

July 1, Sunday. Marched at day break 8 miles to York River, where we encamped; † returned that night to our former post.

2. Marched down to Bird's Ornary; returned that night to our post.

3rd. Marched Sun rise to some Body's old field. Maneuvers retrogade; many troops were out; Hot weather.

4th. A wet morning; cleared off at 10 o'clock. This day we had a Fude joy in celebration of the Independence of America. After that was over Penn^a Line performed several Maneuvers, in which we fired.

5th. Marched at 7 o'clock on our way to Williamsburg, proceeded as far as Chickahomony Church, where we lay on our arms till Sun up.

6th. At sun rise we took up the line of march for Jamestown; which place the enemy lay at. The 1st Batt^a was detached with

* This engagement was called by the soldiers the battle of "Hot Water." Col. Butler of the Pa. line commanded the Americans, and Col. Simcoe, the British. Many Augusta county militia were in the fight.—J. A. W.

† Col. Bassett's, York River.

some riflemen, which brought on a scattering fire that continued many hours, when the 2nd & 3rd Batt' with one of Infantry arrived in sight; we formed & brought on a Gen' Action. Our advances regular at a charge, till we got within 80 yds. of their main body, under a heavy fire of Grape shot, at which distance we opened our musquetry at their line; 3 of our artillery horses being wounded; & then their right flanking our left, rendered a retreat necessary, with the loss of 2 pieces of Artillery.*

7th. This day we lay at this church; dressing and sending our wounded to Hospital.

8. At 12 o'clock this day we marched 3 miles toward Jas River for Camp. This evening I went to see the wounded at the Bird ornary.†

9th July. I returned to camp; a warm day; water scarce & bad. This day we lay on this ground.

10. [Charles City Co., Holt's Forge and Mills.] Marched at 2 o'clock P. M., to Holt's Iron Works. Country good but reduced.

11th. Orders for washing and cleaning our arms.

12. Marched at 7 o'clock toward James River. Roads Bad.

*The above was a more important engagement than would be inferred from Capt Davis's mention of it. His account is interesting because it was written on the spot and on the same day. The calmness of his brief narrative is noticeable. The fight is known in history as the battle of Green Spring.

The British army under Cornwallis was proceeding to cross from the North to the South side of James river, at Jamestown, where a British dragoon and a negro, professing to be deserters, came into the American camp. They stated that all the British army, except a rear guard, had crossed over, and La Fayette ordered an advance. The attack was made by Wayne, with characteristic impetuosity. He found himself confronted by the whole British army, and his command would probably have been destroyed or captured if La Fayette had not come up and ordered the Americans to withdraw; they were not pursued. The American loss was 118 men killed, wounded and captured, and 3 cannon; of the British 80 men killed and wounded. A body of Augusta county militia participated in the fight, and probably were the riflemen mentioned by Capt. D.—J. A. W.

† Observe how he has fallen into the *vernacular*; at first he wrote "ordinary," now *ornary*.—J. A. W.

13. Orders for cleaning ourselves & preparing for an incorporation [*sic*] which was much wished for.

14 July. This day the incorporation* to take place, when officers determined who was for the Campagn.

15. [Chesterfield Co.] This day was taken up in crossing the James River, when our friends took their leaves.

16. Marched at 3 o'clock & encamped at Chesterfield church.

17. Marched at 3 o'clock for Chesterfield Court House. Water very good these two days & the country the most fertile we had seen.

18th July. Marched at 3 o'clock, P. M., to Cheatum's farms, 12 miles.

19th. [Appomattox River.] Marched at 4 o'clock, A. M., for Good's Bridge, 10 miles, where we continued two days.

21. Cloudy day.

22. This day we had a soldier hanged for marauding. A raining day, cool and pleasant.

23rd. I dined this day with Gen. Wayne, where we passed an agreeable afternoon.

24. Moved our camp 200 yards in the rear. No particular accounts of the enemy.

25th July. About 2 o'clock this day this Bridge (Good's) fell in; whose construction was of a singular nature. No person hurt, tho' many about and under it.

26th. Wet morning & cloudy day.

27. A clear fine morning; Warm day.

28. Nothing material this day.

29. Nothing material this day.

30. General Beat this morning at day Break; troops marched by the right to Watkin's Mill, which place we arrived at 10 o'clock, 9 miles. Mr. McKinney & myself rode out, agreeable to appointment, to dine with Mr. Sagleson, where we see a pretty agreeable country.

31st. This day we lay still. They country the most fertile we had seen in the State.

August 1st. [Dinwiddie Co.] Wing marched day Briak [*sic*] 12 miles.

* This refers to a re-organization of the command—some of the officers retired.

2nd. This day we marched to *Asnaguin* River.

3rd. Marched to the Right about for the North, 21 miles.

August 4th. Marched at day Break for James River opposite Westam, 10 miles; Capt. Barthdo Bond & my self rode to Richmond, where we were agreeably entertained by Mrs. park & some Corlot* [*sic*] Lady*, & the Gentlemen of the Virg. Line who had been prisoners; returned to camp next day.

5th. Cross'd James River & took post at the Hights Westam.

6th. Lay on this ground this day, which place enemy had occupied before us.

7th Aug. Lay on this ground.

8th. Marched at 10 o'clock, A. M., pass'd Richmond day light; encamped 3 miles below.

9. [N. Kent Co.] Gen' Beat at 1 o'clock, A. M.; marched at half past to Bottom Bridge; made a short halt; proceeded to Savages' Farm, 11 miles. This day our Baggage arrived from Cox's Mill; *all well*.

10th. Troops continued on the ground this day.

11th Aug. Continued on this ground. No official account of ye enemy.

12th. A wet day; a soldier of the Virg. Line executed for shooting; attempting mutiny in shooting a Capt. Kurpatrick.

13. Very wet day.

14th. A fine day; lay still.

15. Lay on the ground; this day dined at Lock Hall's, 9 miles from Camp, with some Gent^s of the line.

16. Lay on the ground; a cool agreeable day.

17 August. Gen' Beat 2 o'clock morning; troops marched at 3 to Phillips's Farm, near Newcastle, & within Four miles of Hanover Town.

18. [Hanover Co., Phillips' Farm.] A showry day. Country abounds in the Best water Millons I ever see.

19. Troops continued on this ground this day.

20. Troops lay still. Messrs. North, McKinney & myself rode out to see the country and a certain Mr. Skelton's seat which was elegant, as well his situation singular.

21 Aug. This day the troops lay still.

22nd. Weather quite cool; rode out & dined at Mr. Anderson's with some Virg^s officers.

23rd. Troops marched at 8 o'clock, A. M., arrived at Savages Farm.

24. [Charles City Co.] Marched at 4 o'clock, A. M., for Bird's farm on James River. A beautiful situation. This *Bird* was allowed to be the richest man in Virg^a, when living; his building very elegant.

25 August. We lay still this day a looking around us, admiring the greatness of this man's Idea in his improvements.

26. Attended Divine worship on the River side, under a shade of cedars.

27. Marched this day at 8 o'clock, A. M., to Maubin hill, 9 miles on the banks ye river.

28. Marched this day at 2 o'clock to Westover.

29. Nothing material.

30. [Surry Co.] Begun this night to cross the river, which kept us some Two days, as the river is one mile wide & boats very bad.

Sept. 1. Information this morning at 7 o'clock of a French Fleet riding in Chesepeck Bay, with 4000 troops on board; we marched at 8 A. M., & halted opposite James Town, 6 miles, where we pass'd the night.

2nd. At 10 o'clock this morning a number of boats hove in sight (with the troops) which landed at James Town.

3rd. Their Boats cross'd the river next morning at sun rise & cross'd our Troops. Our boats not yet arrived. We lay on James Town plains this day; at night we march'd to Green Springs, where we pass'd ye night.

4th. Marched at day break for Williamsburg; halted on the commons, at 4 o'clock P. M., was reviewed by Gen^l St. Simon. This night we took part in the City Colledge.

5th. [Williamsburg.] Pass'd the greater part of this day interviewing the city & its public buildings, which does the State credit; lay on our arms near town in a thicket of woods.

6th Sept. This morning at 8 o'clock the troops took up ye line of march & pass'd through the City & halted within 7 miles of York & encamped at Col. Burrell's Mill; we were now ye advanced corps ye army.

7. This morning at 8 o'clock we were alarmed by ye firing of several shots from our front Piquett.

8. We were relieved by the advanced corps of the army appointed in orders & marched to Join our Good Ally, which cut a respectable figure, & encamp'd the whole, North of Williamsburg. I was ordered to repair to James town to superintend the crossing ye Baggage.

9th. Dined this day as well as yesterday with Gen. Wayne, at his Sick Quarters, & repaired to Camp at night.

10. Reports this day say Gen^l Action have been fought off Chesepeak bay between Adm^l Grass & Wood; that ye latter have made to Sea and a superior fleet in full pursuit of him.

11th Sept. Nothing material. Dined with some Militia officers at ye Capitol landing [Williamsburg], in company with several Gen^s of ye line.

12. Nothing material occurred.

13. Rode out in the country & returned in ye evening.

14. Twenty one Gun firing announced the arrival of Gen^l Washington in Camp. The army paraded & was reviewed before he lighted from his horse.

15. A very wet day, which was much wanted.

16. I mounted ye Gen. Guard. Ye officers of the Infantry waited on the Gen^l to congratulate his arrival at the Southern States.

17. This day the Gen^l, with ye French Gen^l, left camp in order to see Count De Grass, who lays at Hampton Roads.

18. Nothing material except the landing the 1st Detach^{mt} from ye Northward.

19. This day I rode down to Holt's mill, cross^d to Surry county with W^m. Collier, where we dined with Col. Hutchins on the Banks of the river; we pass'd an agreeable afternoon; cross'd ye river after night; lay at Holt's mill.

20. Returned to camp this morning.

21. Second division of ye Northward troops arrived.

22. Nothing material.

23. Very rigilam [*sic*] in preparing for ye siege.

24. Northward troops landing & marching up to the place.

25. Nothing Material.

26. Orders to move down below ye town, & form an encampment.

27. Marched East of town & formed the Grand army—Americans on ye right & French on ye left.

28. Army march'd this morning at 5, by the right for York. On arriving on its environs, the British horse appeared. The French open'd some Field pieces, & they retreated in their works; lay on our arms.

29. [Camp before York.] This morning formed a compleat investment round the Town & pitch'd our camp. The enemy retreated this night in their contacted [*sic*] works.

30. Took possession of their out lines.

Oct. 1. A warm fire continued all this day, about 40 Guns to the hour on an average & 10 by night to the hour; 2 men only kill'd, one of them on ye works.

Oct. 2nd. A continual firing from the Enemy's Batteries all this day. Our works goes on rapidly.

3rd. A continual firing was kept up all this day. A deserter went in who informed them where our covering parties lay. They directed their shot for them; the first kill'd 3 men & mortally wounded a fourth. Our works go on rapidly.

4th. Our cannon & Mortars now arrived. This day Col. Tarlton made a charge on Duke Luzerne's Legeonary Corps on Glochester side & was repulsed with the loss of his commanding off'r of Infantry Kill'd & Tarlton badly wounded, with 50 privates Kill'd on the spot.

5th. Our works go on day & night. Some chance men kill'd with the incessant fire kept up on our works.

6th. A rainy day; 3000 fatigued this night a making line for our covering parties.

7. The first paralel finish'd; carrying on the Batteries an incessant firing Day & Night.

8th. Oct Our heavy artilery taken up 10 pieces this night.

9th. A heavy cannonade kept up from us, which dismounted all their pieces.

10. A Mr. Nelson came this day out, who say our shells do much execution.

11. Continual firing kept up. This night we broke ground & formed 2nd paralel with the loss of 2 mittoke men kill'd.

12. The enemy kept up a very hot fire all this day.

13th. This morning 2 Hessian deserters came in, who says our shells do much execution.

14. This morning a deserter says the Infantry refused doing

duty, that Cornwallis flatters them they shall be relieved in a few days, & gave — (word illegible) a pipe of wine.

This night the Marquis took their river Battery with very inconsiderable loss, & Maj. Gen. Viominel took another on their extreme, to the left, with little loss likewise, & now our second paralel compleat.

15. This night the enemy made a rally & imposed on the French for Americans, & covr'd our advanc'd posts & trenches, but on finding out the imposition, drove them with the loss of 8 prisoners & kill'd on ye spot.

16. pushing our advanc'd posts forward as fast as possible.

17. Lord Cornwallis proposes deputies from each army to meet at Moores House to agree on terms for the surrender of the garrisons of York & Gloucester; an answer sent by 3 o'clock, when a cessation of arms took place.

18. Flags passing this day alternately.

19. At 10 o'clock this day our troops marched in and took possession of their batteries, & the British army marched out & grounded their arms. Our army drew up for them to march through, French on one side & Americans on the other.

20. Lay quiet in our camp cleaning ourselves.

21. [Camp York.] British army march'd out for their cantonments under Militia G'ds.

22nd Brigade on duty.

23rd. Orders for ye troops to hold themselves in readiness to March at the shortest notice.

24. Marquis De St. Simon's troops embarking their cannon.

25. Orders for Brigades daily to be on duty to demolish our works.

26. Nothing material.

27. Acc^u Sir H. Clintons embarked from New York for ye South.

28. Orders countermanded respecting our cannon going on board.

Nothing material occurred till 5th Nov.

5th Nov. Marched at 9 o'clock to Burrell's Mill; 18 miles.

6th. Marched at day light, pass'd through Williamsburg, encamp'd at Bird's ornary; 18 miles.

7. Marched at sun rise by the right, encamp'd at Kent Court House ; 14 miles.

8. March'd at sun rise, encamped at Bottom's Bridge.

9. March'd at sun rise, encamped at Richmond.

10 Nov. troops begun to cross the river. Crafts very unsuitable for the purpose.

11. Waggons & ammunition crossing.

12. Our brigade began crossing.

13. continued crossing ; no accident except a boat sinking in the river, but no men drowned.

14. Marylanders proceed on their way for petersburgh.

15. Our Brigade march at 12 o'clock. Encamp'd Osbrons.

16 Nov. [Chesterfield Co.] March'd at sun rise; encamped at Petersburgh.

17. Cross'd Appomattock.

18. Lay still this, which was a very fine day.

19. [Brunswick Co.] Marched at sun rise; encamp'd near Dunwoody court House; 19 miles.

20. March'd at sun rise; encamp'd at Nottoway bridge; 14 M.

21. March'd at sun rise, encamped at East Edmunsons; 15 M.

22nd. Nov. March'd at sun rise, encamp'd at Mitchell ornary; 15 miles.

23. [Mecklenburgh Co.] March'd at sun rise; encamped at Hugh Millers; 14 miles.

24. March'd at sun rise; arrived at Roanoke. 11 o'clock crossed with great expedition.

25th. This day we lay still. The morning foggy; heavy rain afternoon.

26. lay on ye Bank River.

27. Maryland line cross'd.

28. Wet day; lay still.

29. March'd at sun rise, 10 miles, to Williamsburgh.

30. [North Carolina, Greenville Co.] March'd, at sun rise, 12 miles to Harrisburgh.

1st December. March'd at sun rise, to Gen^l Parsons, 12 miles, through the best country I see since crossing potomack.

2nd. [Caswell Co.] March'd at sun rise, the road sloppy; encamp'd at Pains ornary, 16 m.

3rd Dec. March'd this morning at sun rise; passed by Caswell Court House & cross'd Hico Creek, 10 miles.

4th. March'd at sun rise, cross'd County line creek, when it began to snow at 12 o'clock; continued till night, when it was 4 inches deep. We had a very tedious day's march, 13 miles.

Capt. Bartholomew Broke his leg by a fall from a horse.

5th. This day the troops lay on their ground; roads very bad; detach'd of 1 Hundred men with the stores stays behind in order to hasten our march.

6th. This day the troops lay on this ground. Capt. Bond & myself dined with Col. Dickson, 6 miles from camp.

7th. [Guilford Co.] This day the troops marched at sun rise through a very good country; waded Haw river & encamp'd on it, 16 miles.

Dec. 8. Troops march'd at sun rise, through a good looking country; encamp'd at Guilford Court House, 20 miles.

9th. This day we lay on this ground, which turned out very rainy.

10. This day we likewise lay still; very cold.

11. This day troops march'd at sun rise through a Quaker Settlement; country good & well wooded; encamped near Barny Hidels on abbots creek, 15 miles.

12 Dec., '81. [Roan Co.] The troops took up the line of march at sun rise & march'd through a German settlement, where the farm much as penn'; left Moravian town on our right 6 miles; encamped at Mr. McCuaney's, 16 M.

13. This morning at sun rise the troops march'd, crossed the Yadkin in boats, wagons & cattle waded; beautiful river about 80 perches wide; encamp'd within a mile, 14 m.

14 Dec. Troops march'd at sun rise; pass'd through Salisbury town, which is a very pretty town, considering its remoteness in the state, 7 m.

15. Troops march'd at sun rise; pass'd a good settlement; encamp'd at Mr. Taylors, 12 M.

16. Troops march'd at usual time; cross'd Coddle creek on a bridge we made, & waded Rockey river, 14 m; Dined with Gen. Wayne, visited an encampment of Catawba Indians.

17 Dec., '81. [Mecklenburg Co., N. C.] We lay still in consequence of heavy rains.

18. Troops march'd at sun rise. The country good; encamped at Charlotte, a small & ornary looking place, 14 m.

19. March'd at sun rise. Roads bad, country not so good as we have pass'd; encamp'd at — (name illegible), 15 m.

20 December, '81. [South Carolina, Camden Dis.] Troops march'd at sun rise, pass'd through a country adjoining Catawba river & belonging to a — (word illegible) nation of that name, encamp'd on Twelve mile creek, 10 miles. Rivers run all in this country a westerly course.

21. Troops march'd this day at 12 o'clock, encamped on Waxaws creek—6 miles. Those creeks high.

22nd December. Troops marched at sun rise; cross'd several small creeks; encamp'd near Maj. Bartley—10 miles.

23rd. Troops march'd at sun rise through a country cov'd with pine & sands, intermixed with Black Jacks. This march we pass'd hanging Rock. This road had many marks of wilful destruction in Waggon & Military stores which was made on Gates' army. Encamp'd near that Rock—20 m.

24 Dec. Troops march'd at sun rise; the day excessive wet & waded several creeks. This day's march as well as yesterday's the country uninhabited & will ever remain so, I presume. Encamp'd near Camden, 16 miles.

25. [Camden Town.] Troops lay still this day; light officers of Batt' dined with a Mr. Le Count, where we faired well & spent an agreeable evening. This town ruin'd much by the British.

26th. [Camden, Wateree River.] Troops march'd at sun rise & cross'd the Wateree River $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from town; this river is about Two Hundred yards wide & deep; encamp'd on the south side.

27. Troops march'd at sun rise through a low country covered in many places with swamps; encamp'd at Reynolds Mills, 8 m.

28. Troops march'd at sun rise through a poor country destitute of Inhabitants, known by the name of Sand Hills; encamp'd on the Banks of Congaree River, 23 m.

29 Dec., '81. Troops march'd at 8 o'clock, cross'd Congaree in excellent Flats. This river is 300 y^{ds} wide, one of the handsomest I ever see; encamp'd on the south side—4 miles.

30. [Orangeburgh Co.] Troops march'd at 9 o'clock through a good country; encamp'd at Adam Tintly, 12 m.

31st. Troops march'd at sun rise; country tolerable; settled by Germans. Encamp'd at Orangeburgh, 12 m.

January 1st, 1782. Troops march'd at sun rise through a wilderness; waded more than twenty creeks, some Three feet up; encamp'd in a place amost surrounded with water; destitute of inhabitants, 20 m.

2nd. Troops marched at sun rise; this day's march through fine body of pine & sand, uninhabited; waded a number of creeks or rather Guts of water communicating from one to another; encamp'd as yesterday—15 m.

3d Jan'y, '82. [Edisto River.] Troops march'd at sun rise wet low country, pul'd through. Saw Mills which work'd with 8 saws on one frames; encamp'd at Hickory ridges—10 m.

4th. [Round O Set.] March'd at sun rise. Joined the army at this post, 3 m. [Gen. Greene's army.]

5th. This day taken up in cleaning ourselves & arms after Two month's constant march.

6th. Cleaning ourselves & writing. Rode out to see this River farm.

7. A command of 100 Men to retire one now at the lines (of our line) Maj. Hamilton Command.

8. Some Gentlemen dined with us in Camp.

9th. Pennsylv'a Brigade march'd at 9 o'clock to Jacksons Borough, where the Legislature of the State now sits; encamp'd on its Right, 14.

10. Mr. M^cKinney & myself walk'd out to hunt, called at a house where liv'd a Mr. Deneson from Penn'y. Din'd with him & pass'd the afternoon.

11 Jan'y, '82. [Jackson's Borough.]*

(THE END.)

* Jacksonborough, at which place the Diary ends, is a station on the Charleston & Savannah Railroad, about 30 miles from the former city. The Legislature of South Carolina sat there in 1782, but there is nothing at the spot now to indicate that it had ever been the seat of the State Government.

Wayne was detached by Greene and sent into Georgia, from which State he drove the British, rendering very important further service before the close of the war.—J. A. W.